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SUBJ: MEETING OF NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL PROGRESSIVE CON-
SERVATIVE ASSOCIATION

1. NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION HELD
ANNUAL MEETING OVER WEEKEND, HIGHLIGHTED BY SPEECH BY
FEDERAL CONSERVATIVE LEADER ROBERT STANFIELD.

2. MAIN THRUST OF STANFIELD' S SPEECH WAS ATTACK ON FEDERAL
LIBERAL GOVERNMENT FOR FAILURE TO INTRODUCE TAX LEGISLATION
LAST MAY OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER OCTOBER ELECTION. FAILURE TO
DO SO HAS MEANT 38,000 COLLEGE STUDENTS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED
ANTICIPATED REBATES AND THAT OTHER CANADIANS ALSO LIKELY
TO BENEFIT BY REBATES HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE. STANFIELD
SAID CHANGES IN INCOME TAX EXEMPTIONS ARE BEING LUMPED WITH
OTHER TAX CHANGES TO INSURE PASSAGE BY HOUSE. HE DECRIED THIS
SINCE SOME OF PROPOSED CHANGES OUGHT TO BE CAREFULLY STUDIED.

3. STANFIELD REITERATED HIS PARTY' S DECISION TO SUPPORT
PROPOSED TAX INCENTIVES TO MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES FOR ONLY
A ONE- YEAR PERIOD BECAUSE MANY COMPANIES HAD ALREADY
RECKONED WITH THEM IN PLANING FOR CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. HE
AGAIN CRITICIZED FACT THAT MANY OF THESE TAX WRITE- OFFS WILL
BENEFIT AMERICAN SUBSIDIARIES SO THAT " MUCH OF THE MONEY
WILL GO TO THE TREASURIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES". HE ALSO
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CRITICIZED FACT THAT ONLY MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES WILL
BENEFIT AND OTHER COMPANIES WILL HAVE INCREASED TAXES.

4. JOHN BUCHANAN, CONSERVATIVE PARTY LEADER IN NOVA SCOTIA
ACCUSED NOVA SCOTIA LIBERAL GOVERNMENT UNDER PREMIER REGAN
OF FORMING A NEW LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT BY HIRING A LARGE GROUP
OF NON- ELECTED BUREAUCRATS WITH POLICY DECISION POWERS.

5. TEXTS OF MAJOR SPEECHES WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY
WHEN AVAILABLE.

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